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HOUSE BILL 25-1195

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE ABILITY OF A FIRST RESPONDER OR THE SPOUSE OF**
102 **A FIRST RESPONDER TO REQUEST THAT THE ADDRESS IN THEIR**
103 **VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY**
104 **CLERK AND RECORDER OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE BE KEPT**
105 **CONFIDENTIAL.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Beginning January 1, 2026, an elector or the spouse of an elector who is or has been a peace officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter,

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emergency medical service provider, or other individual who responds to a public safety emergency (first responder) may request that the address included in the following records concerning the first responder be kept confidential (address confidentiality):

- Voter registration records in the custody of a county clerk and recorder; and
- Voter registration records in the centralized statewide registration system maintained by the secretary of state (secretary).

A first responder may request address confidentiality on the electronic voter registration form or record created by the secretary. The secretary is required to ensure that the electronic voter registration form and an elector's voter registration record includes a place for a first responder to indicate that they are a first responder and request address confidentiality. The secretary is also required to ensure that when a first responder indicates on their voter registration form or record that they are requesting address confidentiality, the first responder is automatically directed to an electronic application form that requests certain information to allow the secretary to implement the address confidentiality request.

The secretary is required to provide a copy of each completed application to the clerk and recorder of the county where the first responder is registered to vote for the purpose of implementing address confidentiality for the records maintained by the county clerk and recorder.

The secretary is prohibited from charging a fee in connection with a first responder's request for address confidentiality.

The custodian of any voter registration records that concern a first responder who has requested address confidentiality is required to deny the right of inspection of the first responder's address contained in the records on the ground that disclosure would be contrary to the public interest.

A first responder's request for address confidentiality is not a public record subject to public inspection.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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3 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-72-204, **add** (3.7)

4 as follows:

5 **24-72-204. Allowance or denial of inspection - grounds -**

1 **procedure - appeal - definitions - repeal.** (3.7) (a) AS USED IN THIS
2 SUBSECTION (3.7), UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "FIRST
3 RESPONDER" MEANS AN ELECTOR, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1-1-104 (12),
4 WHO IS OR WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

5 (I) A PEACE OFFICER, AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 16-2.5-101;

6 (II) A FIREFIGHTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-5-203 (10);

7 (III) A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION
8 31-30-1102 (9)(a);

9 (IV) AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER, AS DEFINED IN
10 SECTION 25-3.5-103 (8);

11 (V) AN EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, AS DEFINED IN
12 SECTION 29-11-101 (10.5);

13 (VI) ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER AN EMPLOYEE,
14 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR, VOLUNTEER, OR OTHER AGENT WHO
15 RESPONDS TO A PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY; OR

16 (VII) THE SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER OF AN INDIVIDUAL
17 SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (3.7)(a)(I), (3.7)(a)(II), (3.7)(a)(III),
18 (3.7)(a)(IV), OR (3.7)(a)(V) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (b) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, A FIRST RESPONDER MAY
20 REQUEST THAT THE ADDRESS INCLUDED IN ANY PUBLIC RECORD
21 CONCERNING THE FIRST RESPONDER THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE MADE,
22 MAINTAINED, OR KEPT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1-2-227 AND 1-2-301 BE
23 KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

24 (c) A FIRST RESPONDER MAY MAKE THE REQUEST FOR
25 CONFIDENTIALITY ALLOWED BY SUBSECTION (3.7)(b) OF THIS SECTION TO
26 THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL MAKING THE
27 REQUEST RESIDES, ON AN APPLICATION FORM APPROVED BY THE

1 SECRETARY OF STATE. THE APPLICATION FORM SHALL PROVIDE SPACE FOR
2 THE FIRST RESPONDER TO PROVIDE THEIR NAME, ADDRESS, DATE OF BIRTH,
3 AND ANY OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION DETERMINED BY THE
4 SECRETARY OF STATE TO BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION
5 (3.7). IN ADDITION, THE FORM SHALL INCLUDE AN AFFIRMATION IN THE
6 AREA IMMEDIATELY ABOVE A LINE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER'S
7 SIGNATURE AND THE DATE, STATING THE FOLLOWING: "I SWEAR OR
8 AFFIRM, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT I AM OR HAVE BEEN A FIRST
9 RESPONDER OR AM OR HAVE BEEN THE SPOUSE OR CIVIL UNION PARTNER
10 OF A FIRST RESPONDER AND AM ELIGIBLE TO HAVE MY ADDRESS KEPT
11 CONFIDENTIAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-72-204 (3.7), C.R.S."
12 IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE SIGNATURE LINE, THERE SHALL BE PRINTED A
13 NOTICE, IN A TYPE THAT IS LARGER THAN THE OTHER INFORMATION
14 CONTAINED ON THE FORM, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BE PROSECUTED
15 FOR PERJURY IN THE SECOND DEGREE UNDER SECTION 18-8-503 IF THE
16 INDIVIDUAL SIGNS SUCH AFFIRMATION BUT IS NOT A FIRST RESPONDER.

17 (d) EACH COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER SHALL:

18 (I) MAKE THE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST APPLICATION FORMS
19 AVAILABLE IN THEIR OFFICES;

20 (II) PROVIDE THE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST APPLICATION FORMS
21 TO INTERESTED PERSONS BY UNITED STATES MAIL, EMAIL DELIVERY, OR
22 FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION, IF REQUESTED;

23 (III) PERMIT FIRST RESPONDERS TO SUBMIT COMPLETED AND
24 SIGNED CONFIDENTIALITY REQUEST APPLICATION FORMS BY UNITED
25 STATES MAIL, PERSONAL DELIVERY, EMAIL DELIVERY, OR FACSIMILE
26 TRANSMISSION; AND

27 (IV) NOT CHARGE A PROCESSING OR ANY OTHER FEE IN

1 CONNECTION WITH A FIRST RESPONDER'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
2 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (3.7).

3 (e) THE CUSTODIAN OF ANY RECORD SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION
4 (3.7)(b) OF THIS SECTION THAT CONCERNS A FIRST RESPONDER WHO HAS
5 MADE A REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION
6 (3.7) SHALL DENY THE RIGHT OF INSPECTION OF THE FIRST RESPONDER'S
7 ADDRESS CONTAINED IN THE RECORD ON THE GROUND THAT DISCLOSURE
8 WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

9 (f) ANY REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIALITY MADE PURSUANT TO THIS
10 SUBSECTION (3.7) IS CONFIDENTIAL AND IS NOT OPEN TO INSPECTION AS A
11 PUBLIC RECORD UNLESS A WRITTEN RELEASE IS EXECUTED BY THE FIRST
12 RESPONDER WHO MADE THE REQUEST.

13 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
14 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
15 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
16 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
17 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
18 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
19 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
20 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
21 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.